

Amendment No. 2 to SB0142

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 142

House Bill No. 137*

by inserting the following new sections immediately preceding the antepenultimate section and renumbering the subsequent sections accordingly:

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103(b)(1), is amended by deleting the following language:

To promote the state's official travel planning website, all registration plates which are created after July 1, 2010, other than registration plates issued under part 2 or part 3 of this chapter, shall also include the language "www.tnvacation.com" or the domain name of any subsequent official website used by the department of tourist development.

SECTION __. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, is amended by deleting subsection (k) and adding the following as a new subdivision (b)(5):

(A) An owner or lessee of a motor vehicle who has been issued, or is entitled under this chapter to be issued, a registration plate **for a private passenger vehicle** pursuant to this section, shall receive a registration plate that is designed in a manner to have engraved or embossed on it the national motto language "In God We Trust", which must be located immediately above and parallel to the area for the display of the county.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(5)(A), an owner or lessee may elect in the alternative for the issuance of a registration plate without the national motto language.

(C) Prior to issuing a registration plate for a private passenger vehicle, the county clerk shall inquire of the owner or lessee which registration plate the owner or lessee would like to be issued. If no preference is indicated, then the owner or lessee shall be issued a registration plate with the national motto language by default.

SECTION __. Beginning January 1, 2024, or upon the depletion of the existing inventory of plates being utilized by the department of revenue, the commissioner of revenue shall ensure that registration plates issued pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-103, must no longer include the language "www.tnvacation.com" and that the national motto language "In God We Trust" must be located on registration plates for private passenger vehicles immediately above and parallel to the area for the display of the county and in the same font size as the previously included language "www.tnvacation.com". The commissioner shall ensure that a sufficient number of registration plates without the national motto language are available to be issued for private passenger vehicles in addition to those with the language.